



Office of Governmentwide Policy • Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management

Transportation Policy Program

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Overview. The Federal budget says that Federal agencies spent \$24.666 billion on transportation during FY2008. In addition, Federal agencies spend many billions more on transportation when they purchase services, supplies, and equipment. OGP is working to bring modern, private sector management practices in transportation to all Federal agencies.

Mission

The OGP Transportation Policy Program writes regulations that govern transportation and audit for all Federal agencies as well as transportation operations for most civilian Federal agencies. The Transportation Policy staff also collaborates with Federal agencies, maintains close contacts in the transportation industry, and promotes best practices in all aspects of Federal transportation.

Authorities

31 U.S.C. 3726 authorizes GSA to regulate transportation payment and audit by all Federal agencies.

40 U.S.C. 121 - Public Buildings, Property, and Works provides the general authority for GSA to issue regulations and guidance for Federal transportation (and all of GSA's other areas of focus).

Three sections authorize Federal agencies to purchase transportation without using the Federal Acquisition Regulation: 49 U.S.C. 10721 (rail), 13712 (truck), and 15504 (pipeline).

Program Strategy

The Office of Governmentwide Policy is committed to ensuring that government transportation management reflects innovations and market-driven changes in private industry to the maximum extent possible, while scrupulously following all relevant laws. OGP meets regularly with agency representatives to gain critical input for creating better policy. MT also collaborates with the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) to ensure that the policy framework allows for contractual innovation.

In 2009, OGP contracted for a far-ranging study of Federal transportation, to identify the full range of Federal spending on transportation and to recommend changes in Federal transportation policy and operations. Based on this study, OGP has established the following long-term goals:

- Establish a certification process, with required training, for agencies' Federal transportation officers.
- Develop training modules for Federal civilian transportation personnel.
- Establish a governmentwide data collection process for transportation.
- Revise the Federal Management Regulation to optimize the use of tender procurement.
- Revise the Federal Acquisition Regulation to identify and manage transportation costs in service and delivery contracts.
- Use IT to identify opportunities to coordinate and consolidate shipments across agency lines, to optimize use of rail and intermodal, and to manage accessorial charges.
- Work with individual agencies to optimize their transportation operations and to establish centers of excellence.
- Complete a new three-year review of the transportation regulations for which OGP is responsible.

Key Business Drivers

- Decentralization of federal transportation management
- Limited accountability for transportation expenditures
- Increasing use of electronic processes in transportation
- Transparency
- Sustainability

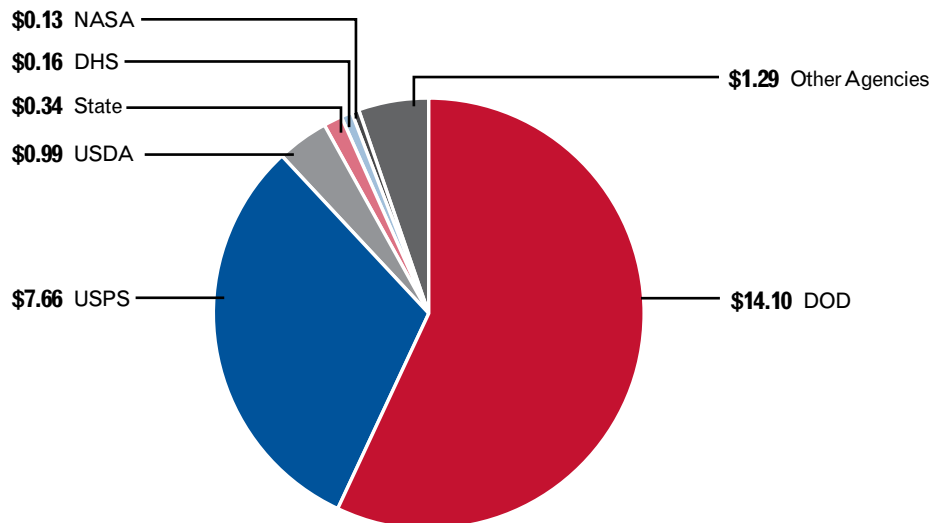
Need To Know

OGP's contractor estimated that:

- Actual Federal spend on outbound transportation is double the budgeted amount.
- Federal spending on transportation has grown at double the rate of inflation since 2000.

Statistics, Ratios & Trends

Object Class 22, Transportation of Things (2008 Actual)(\$Billion)



The amounts that Federal agencies report to the Office of Management and Budget under Object Class Code 22 (Transportation of Things), do not reflect the real total of Federal transportation spending:

Object Class 22 Reports (FY 2008):	
DoD outbound and intra-agency	\$14.1B
USPS (mail and non-mail freight)	\$7.7B
Other civilian agencies outbound	\$2.9B
Object Class 22 Total	\$24.7B
*Civilian agencies, Object Class 25.2 (Contract Services) – estimate of the transportation component	\$12.0B
*All agencies, inbound freight estimate:	"Well over \$100B"

**Source for all asterisked items: OGP Transportation Study, February 5, 2010.*

Collaboration

- OGP has created a new Transportation Policy Executive Steering Committee, consisting of executives from Federal agencies with large transportation budgets, to help OGP establish strategic direction for civilian agency transportation policy.
- OGP has also re-established the Governmentwide Transportation Policy Council, consisting of transportation experts from about 15 agencies, to help agencies establish, improve, and maintain effective transportation management policies, practices and procedures.
- OGP routinely participates in meetings organized by GSA/FSA with Federal agencies and transportation industry providers.
- OGP also participates in, and sometimes presents at the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) Training Symposium and several private sector industry association meetings.

Associations/Training

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Training Symposium
American Trucking Association
American Moving and Storage Association
Household Goods Forwarders Association of America
Distribution & LTL Carriers Association
Information Technology & Logistics Council